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"ENTERTAINER" OPENS CAMPUS RUN THURSDAY

"The Rose Tattoo" closes an eight-night engagement in the Masquer Theater Sunday (July 31) at 8:30 p.m. to make way for the opening of "The Entertainer" Thursday (Aug. 4), according to Richard H. James Jr., director of summer theater at the University of Montana.

"The Entertainer," a provocative drama by British playwright John Osborne, will wind up one of the most successful Masquer summer seasons on record with performances Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 4-7 and Aug. 11-14.

The New York Herald Tribune found the play "truly moving," and the Daily News commented on the "brilliant stunt in the writing."

Roger DeBourg, Red Lodge, will slip out of his characterization of Father DeLeo in "The Rose Tattoo" to play Archie Rice, the entertainer of Osborne's title, the part made famous on stage and screen by Sir Laurence Olivier.

Also making the transition from roles in "The Rose Tattoo" to parts in "The Entertainer" are Georgia Tree, Billings, who plays Phoebe Rice in the latter; Duncan Crump, Missoula, cast as Billy Rice, and Gloria Sykee, Chicago, Ill., who portrays Jean Rice.

Others in the cast are Doug Dunnell, Missoula, as Frank Rice; Joe Ferrell, Lewistown, as brother Bill, and Harry Trickey, Trinidad, Colo., as Graham.

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Director of the production is Tom Gruenewald, visiting distinguished lecturer in drama, who also directs "The Rose Tattoo." James is designer of both shows.

The production staff of "The Entertainer" includes Jeanne Wood, Missoula, assistant to the director; Signe Anderson, Springfield, Ill., assistant to the designer; Jeannie Belangie, Missoula, costume designer, and Al Terhune, Minneapolis, Minn., chief technician.

The Masquer box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. daily and from noon to curtain time on dates of performances.